



## January, 2023 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year of programs, progress and partnerships, we're also reflecting on last year when we reached more than 1,800 educators in 24 school systems with personal finance and economics education-oriented content and learning experiences. And after a busy January, we're looking ahead to the many exciting initiatives to come!

This year, we're partnering with the Middle States Council for Social Studies to provide relevant content for educators at their annual conference on February 24-25. Speaking of conferences, we're already deep into planning the MCEE Annual Summit, coming up on June 28 (save the date!).

Throughout this year, opportunities for students and educators to learn will continue to grow. Our [Finance Lab Field Trip](#) program has expanded from Towson University to now include Salisbury University. And the Stock Market Game is in full swing, with teams of students from around the state building and managing their investment portfolios to apply what they've learned about saving and investing while honing their math skills (See below for Fall winners)!

As we begin 2023, I invite you to join us as we make personal finance an important part of every Maryland student's educational journey. Read on for how we'll be doing just that.

Looking forward,  
Julie Weaver  
MCEE Executive Director

*PS: I recently wrote an op-ed in [SOMDnews.com](#) about the importance of economic education and how Southern Maryland sets a strong example. [Check it out here.](#)*

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### **Student Program Updates and Opportunities**

- **Stock Market Game Fall Winners:**
  - Congratulations to the 12 teams who won the Maryland, state and regional titles in the Fall [Stock Market Game](#)! Each team took an imaginary \$100,000 portfolio and through research, teamwork, and finance understanding,

invested it to yield the highest return. [Click here](#) for a list of the winners and their impressive portfolio gains!

- **Upcoming Student Programs:**
  - **February 13 - Spring Stock Market Game:** The Spring Stock Market Game kicks off February 13. Sign up today! [Details.](#)
  - **March 15 - Poster Contest:** Students will demonstrate understanding of financial concepts by creating a poster for the Poster Contest. Submissions are due March 15! [Click here for more.](#)
  - **April 3 - 22 - Personal Finance Challenge:** This competition tests students' application of personal finance concepts. [Learn more.](#)
  - **April 3 - 20 - Economic Challenge:** This engaging competition tests students' understanding of macro- and micro-economic concepts. [Details.](#)

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## **Financial Education and Capability Award** **Nominations**      **Open Until January 31**

Do you know an incredible educator, community leader or dedicated organization doing exceptional work delivering financial education? Nominate them for the Ninth Annual Annual Financial Education and Capability Awards by the deadline of January 31!

Coordinated in partnership with the CASH Campaign of Maryland, MCEE, and the Maryland State Department of Education, the awards honor a public elementary school teacher, a public middle school teacher, a public high school teacher, a community champion, and an outstanding organization. Winners receive a \$1,000 prize and statewide recognition! Self nominations are welcome!

[Find all the details you need, here.](#)

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## **Upcoming Educator Events**



- **TODAY and February 15 - Personal Finance Challenge and Economics Challenge Info Sessions:** Learn more about guiding students in the Personal Finance Challenge or the Economics Challenge this semester at two info sessions! Today's info session registrations: [Personal Finance Challenge](#), [Economics Challenge](#).

February info session registrations: Personal Finance Challenge [5pm](#), [7:30pm](#). Economics Challenge: [4pm](#), [6:30pm](#).

- **February 1 - MCEE Presentation with Association of Maryland & DC Independent Schools:** Join MCEE's Outreach Coordinator, Nicollete Coffey, in an educator professional development presentation, "What Would You Do With \$100K? Teaching Wealth Building to Students in Grades 4-12." [Learn more and register.](#)
- **February 1 & 7 - Stock Market Game Introduction:** Learn about how to guide teams in the Stock Market Game in these introductory virtual sessions. [Details.](#)
- **February 7 & 21: Teaching Savings and Investing in the Stock Market Game:** For those participating in this six-session program, the final two sessions are coming up in February! [More about the program.](#)
- **February 1, 6 & 7: Council for Economic Education Events:** Join CEE for engaging, virtual events guiding educators on topics including [Capitalism: What Is It and How Does It Compare to Alternative Systems](#), [Economic Fundamentals: 6 Common Sense Principles](#), and [Career Readiness Part 1: Proprietary Schools – Proceed with Caution](#)
- **June 28: MCEE's Annual Summer Summit:** Save the date! Details on location and programming to come!

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## **MCEE Resources Enhance Personal Finance Education this Black History Month**

Black History Month begins in a few days, and MCEE's free resources can help educators and students learn about and celebrate Black American entrepreneurs, economists, and members of the business community. Resources include a book list, classroom cards celebrating Black economic leaders, and a calendar of classroom activities.

[Find it all here.](#)

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## **Educator Spotlight: Karen Yancey Brings Personal Finance Education to Students After School**



When it comes to learning, it often feels as though there aren't enough hours in the day! But that's no problem for Karen Yancey, 3rd grade teacher at Marley Elementary School in Anne

Arundel County. Whether during the school day or after, Karen is working with students to build their understanding of personal finance that will enable them to make good financial decisions throughout their lives. [Read on here.](#)

## **Maryland Bankers Association Economic Forum Presentation**

Earlier this month, MCEE Executive Director Julie Weaver had the honor of reiterating the importance of financial education to more than 500 business and financial leaders at the Maryland Bankers Association's 16th Annual First Friday Economic Outlook Forum.

Julie highlighted the importance of personal finance education, the existing gaps in classroom learning and curriculum, and the impact those gaps have on students. She presented listeners with a challenge: Examine your role to gauge how you can help uplift personal finance education for the good of students and their financial futures.

[Find a full recap of the event here.](#)

## **Sponsor in Focus: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation**

When it comes to protecting and preparing investors, consumers and savers, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation are among the leaders. FINRA safeguards market integrity, implements investor protections, and helps ensure that communities have the awareness they need to make sound financial decisions. This commitment extends to the FINRA Investor Education Foundation's generous partnership with MCEE - and it's having a direct and significant impact on students - through support of the Stock Market Game and more. [Read more.](#)

### **Our Year at a Glance**

#### **OUR IMPACT**



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